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## AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 27, 2002. Prior to further action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

## I. AMENDMENT

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18 and 19 as follows.

(Three Times Amended) In a method of treating infertility disorders by administering an LH-RH Antagonist and inducing follicle growth by administration of exogenous gonadotropin, the improvement comprising administering an amount of LH-RH antagonist sufficient to suppress only endogenous LH, while FSH secretion is maintained at a natural level and individual estrogen development is not affected, wherein suppression of endogenous LH activity is followed by maintenance of follicle development by endogenous gonadotropins without external stimulation.

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> 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein (Three Times Amended) suppression of the endogenous LH is caused by Cetrorelix.